

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1231

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Marinne Pettit, 2006
Valedictorian of Donelson Christian Academy.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Marinne Pettit is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2006 graduating class at Donelson Christian Academy; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Pettit has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Marinne Pettit has earned an exemplary 4.31 grade point average while serving as a valued member of several scholastic organizations, including the National Honor Society, Student Council Member at Large and Class Secretary, Biology and Science Club Events Coordinator, Excel Club, Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, Prayer Group, Prom Program Committee and Subcommittee Organizer, and Homecoming Float Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pettit is also an avid sports enthusiast and was a member of her school's tennis and basketball teams; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young woman has earned numerous accolades; she is a Girls State Delegate, Top 10 Percent Award winner, and an All Year Distinguished Scholar; she has also won awards in U.S. History, Honors Algebra II, Honors English I and II, the Spanish I Award, and National Spanish I Exam State Recognition; and

WHEREAS, Marinne Pettit has evidenced a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age, and she volunteers her time and considerable talents to worthy

causes, including Second Harvest Canned Food Drive, American Heart Association Jump Rope for Heart, Vanderbilt Children's Hospital Lollipop Project for Cancer Patients, Patriot Day Clean-up, and Red Cross Blood Drives; and

WHEREAS, additionally, Marinne Pettit has been a committed member of the Belmont Church Youth Group from the ninth through the twelfth grade; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pettit's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her success in college and throughout life; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Marinne Pettit's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the 2006 Donelson Christian Academy Valedictorian, Marinne Pettit, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.